

## **ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

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2           A desanding vessel is inserted in a high velocity fluid stream containing  
3 entrained particulates. The vessel comprises an upper freeboard portion having a  
4 large cross-sectional wherein the fluid stream velocity drops and particulates fall  
5 from suspension. Preferably the fluid stream is introduced offset upwardly from an  
6 axis of a horizontally oriented cylindrical vessel, released particulates falling to  
7 accumulate in a lower belly portion. The freeboard portion is maintained using a  
8 depending flow barrier adjacent the vessel's outlet which sets the depth of  
9 accumulation in the belly portion. A cleanout enables periodic removal of  
10 accumulations.